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VENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA ISTHMUS LOCATION AND SHAPE
FOR CATHETER ABLATION

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Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following reference which is also listed on Form PTO-1449 attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and was cited in an International Search Report dated March 27, 2003 in a corresponding International patent application. A copy of the reference is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,236,883, issued May 22, 2001 to Ciaccio et al. (Exhibit 1).

Applicants also submit herewith as **Exhibit B** a copy of the March 27, 2003 International Search Report in connection with corresponding International Patent Application No. PCT/US02/24130.

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A first Office Action has not been received in connection with the subject application. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), Applicants believe that the present Information Disclosure Statement is being timely filed and no fee or certification is due or required.


However, in the event that a first Office Action has been mailed but has not yet been received by Applicants or connected with the application file in the undersigned attorney's office, Applicants hereby request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1), consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants certify, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1), that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. The date of mailing of the International Search Report is March 27, 2003, and therefore this Information Disclosure Statement is timely filed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1).


If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

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No fee is believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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